

Vision: Safe, secure and affordable nuclear energy for a clean and sustainable world

Mission: License and build a commercial molten salt reactor in the 2020s

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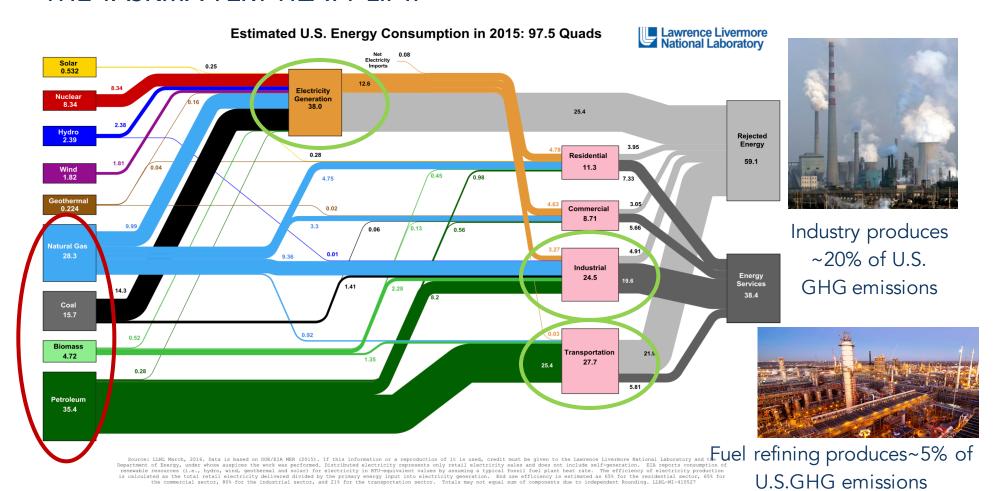


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# THE TASK...A VERY HEAVY LIFT.

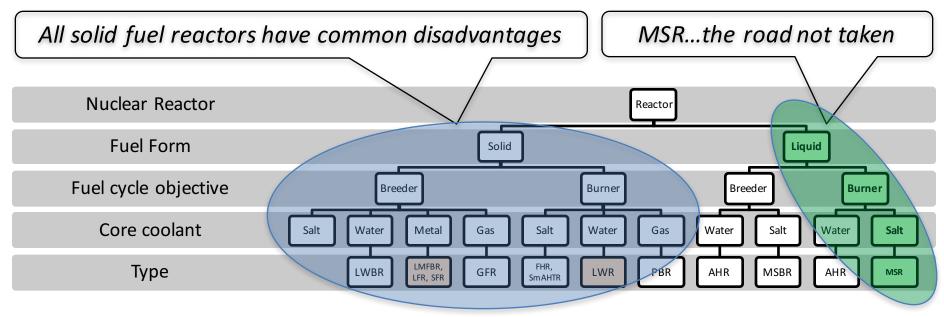


- U.S. DOE's strategic plan: Produce 80% of electricity from Clean Energy Sources by 2035
- U.S. Presidential Order 13693: Reduce direct GHG emissions by 40% by 2025
- Paris COP21: Aim of limiting Global Temperature rise to 2°C



## "NUCLEAR ENERGY" IS A RICH TAPESTRY

Liquid fuel, salt cooled burners offer unique competitive advantages



### Today, the market factors driving reactor development are different:

- Cost innovation through passive safety
- Small modular reactors
- Grid and water independence

# Now is the time to commercialize the MSR



### INTRODUCTION TO TERRESTRIAL ENERGY

# **Terrestrial Energy**

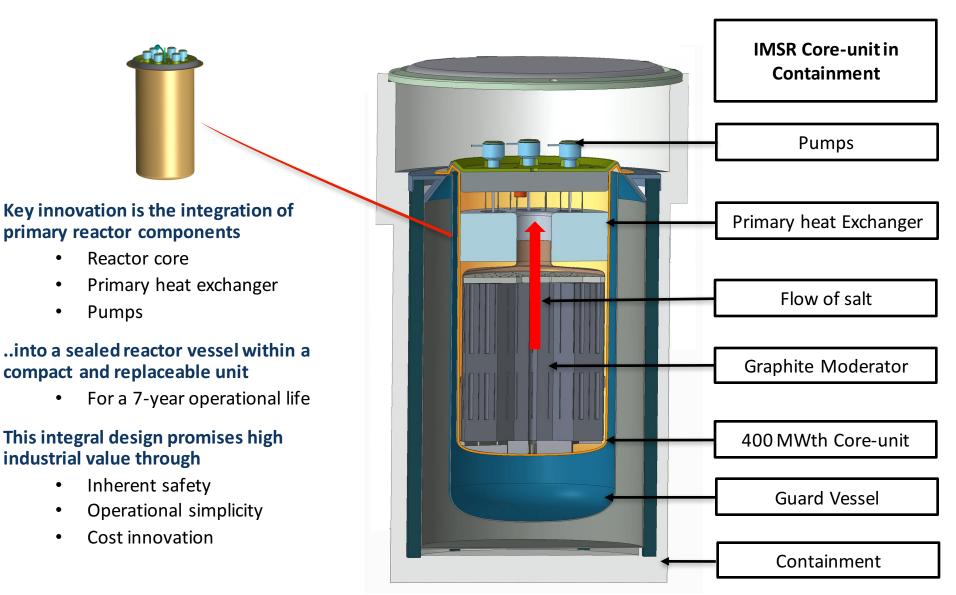
- Commercializing an Advanced Reactor technology
- Engaging with power utility industry and their senior executives, industrial companies, environmental community and G7 Governments

# Technology – next generation Molten Salt Reactor ("MSR")

- Proprietary MSR design called the Integral Molten Salt Reactor ("IMSR™")
- High technology readiness for market deployment in the 2020s
- IMSR™ to compete with fossil fuels
- Commenced basic/preliminary engineering work



# IMSR™ – INNOVATION FOR INDUSTRIAL USE





# IMSR™ – TECHNOLOGY READINESS

IMSR™ builds on 50 years of ORNL reactor design work and relies on many demonstrated technologies.

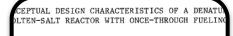
IMSR™ is a molten salt reactor system that uses:

- Fluoride chemistry
- LEU once-through fuel cycle
- Thermal spectrum
- Graphite moderator
- Integral core architecture

### Conclusion: IMSR™ has no remaining technology challenges



- ORNL: 1964-1969
- Molten Salt Reactor
- Built and operated for 18,000 hours

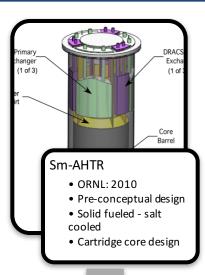


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Date Published: July 1980

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- Denatured Molten Salt Reactor
- Conceptual Design
- LEU fueled with once through fuel cycle





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- Integral core architecture



# IMSR™ – NPP INNOVATION

# Cost

• Potential IMSR BTUs and kWhs to be competitive with fossil fuels

# **Dispatchable**

• IMSR™ has a strong ability to ramp

# Industrial convenience

• An SMR, transportable, potential to be grid and water independent

# Clean

Carbon-free heat and power

# **Passive safety**

• Supports cost innovation

IMSR™ promises to deliver clean (carbon-free), secure, scalable and economic industrial heat and power

### IMSR™ – SAFETY CASE

#### Central challenge for all reactor designers is heat dissipation in all circumstances

Central pillar of Safety Case

#### IMSR™ assures heat dissipation in all circumstances

- Fuel is a liquid salt that is also the coolant
  - Convective cooling of fuel
- A small reactor (<600 MWth) that operates at 700 °C</li>
  - Radiative cooling at a rate of 9x compared to 300 °C

#### IMSR™ dissipates heat through simple, natural and passive mechanisms

No pumps or active cooling mechanisms necessary

#### No chemical driving forces

• Zirconium Metal-Water reactions absent

#### No physical driving forces

Operates at one atmosphere

#### Strong negative reactivity coefficient of temperature

Passive shutdown Safety Case

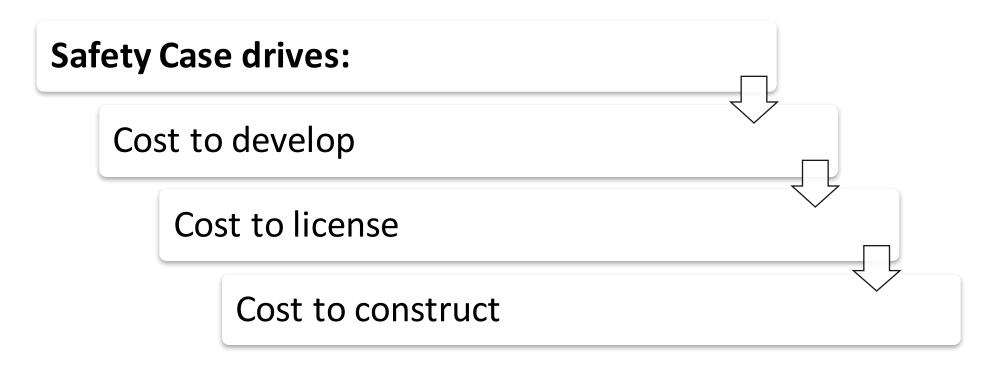
#### No "cliff" behavior in the IMSR's operating profile

IMSR™ Safety Case achieved with simple, natural and passive mechanisms that are secure and robust



## FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIP IN NPP ECONOMICS

CAPEX = 
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 (reactor system's Safety Case)



A reactor system's Safety Case drives CAPEX IMSR™ has a Safety Case to drive cost innovation



# IMSR™ IS A SMALL MODULAR REACTOR

SMRs are viewed as the most promising commercial formulation for new reactor systems

Value of the SMR is a function of the ability to incorporate modularity into the design to support:

- Manufacturing synergies
- Construction synergies

Reactor core size is a common constraining component

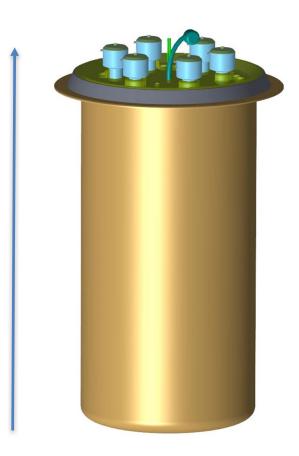
#### **IMSR™** Core-unit

- Easily truck and rail transportable
- Does not require large single forged vessels for high pressure containment
- $\bullet Simpler to \, manufacture \,$

# IMSR™ from the start designed for modularity

- A small modular and factory manufactured reactor
- Site assembled

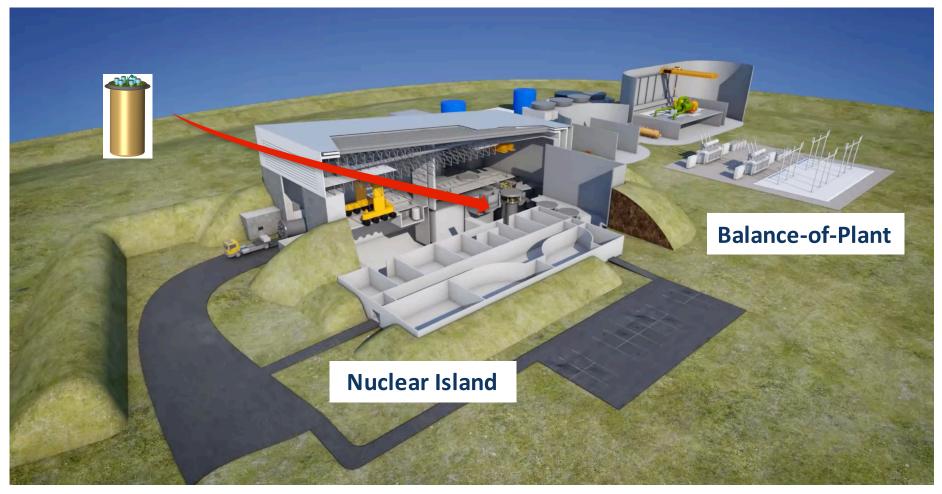
IMSR™ Core-unit 8m tall



IMSR™ design with IMSR™ Core-unit ideal for the SMR market opportunity



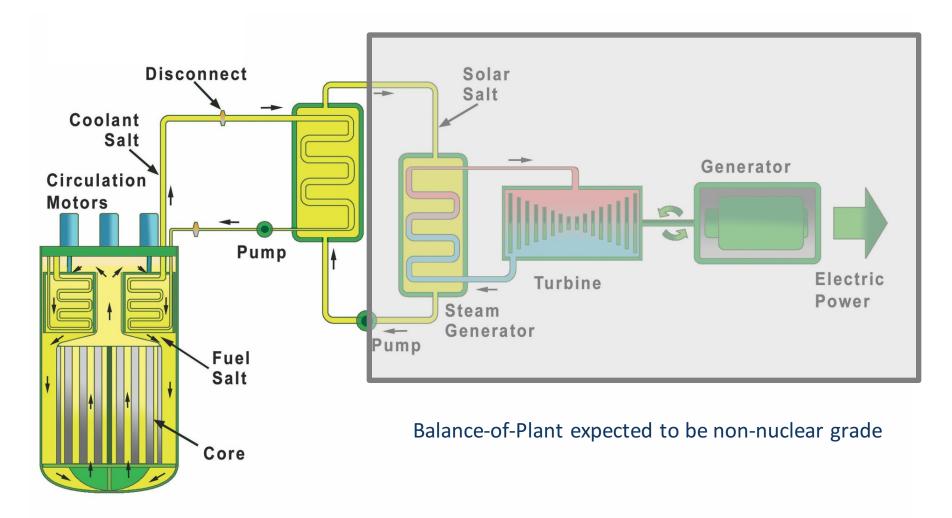
# IMSR™ NPP CONSISTS OF NUCLEAR ISLAND AND BALANCE-OF-PLANT



IMSR™ Nuclear Island produces 600°C industrial heat. Balance-of-Plant can be a broad range of industrial applications – not just power provision



# IMSR™ 400 MWth (190 MWe) GENERALIZED NPP FACILITY

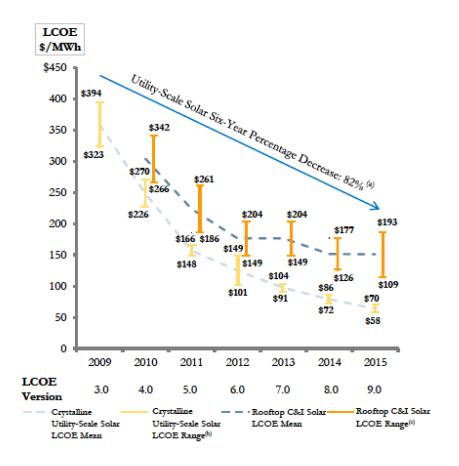


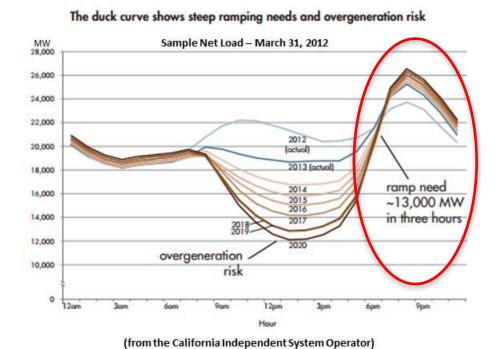
# For load-following SMR power provision

# MARKET PLACES HIGH VALUE ON ABILITY TO RAMP

Solar PV LCOE have decreased ~80% in 6 years

# Duck curves show requirement for steep ramping need





Deregulated markets work to incentivize spot producers and dis-incentivize base-load



## FACTORS DEFINING "RAMPABILITY" FOR A NPP

# **Dynamic reactor core**

Neutronics permit fast power ramp up and down

# **Dynamic Balance-of-Plant**

 Turbines are agile and can support fast ramp up and down

# Financial dynamics

 NPP project has financial capacity to carry excess capacity

# IMSR™ VALUE PROPOSITION TO HYBRID ENERGY SYSTEM

# **IMSR** generates BTUs

• 600 °C BTUs in the form of a hot solar salt

# Remoteness of Balance-of-Plant and BTU use

- Solar salt loop can extend up to 5km from nuclear island to Balance-of-Plant
- Non-nuclear grade use requirement

# **Cost-competitive BTUs**

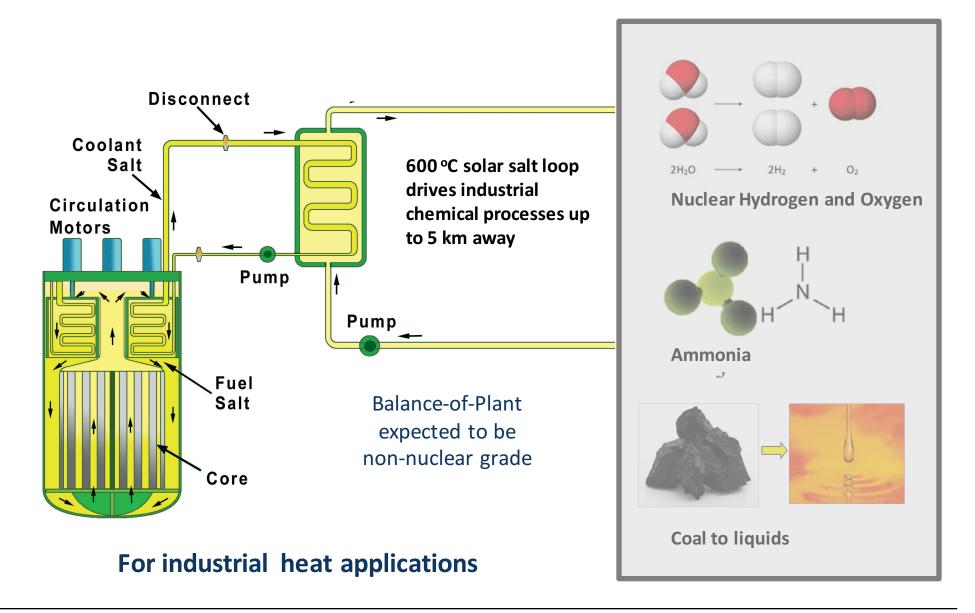
- Price competitive with NG over long run
- After NG volatility risk-adjustments potentially price competitive over the short run
- \$50 per tonne CO2 policy scenarios
- High and better economic use for NG

# **Dispatchable BTUs**

IMSR™ can ramp fast

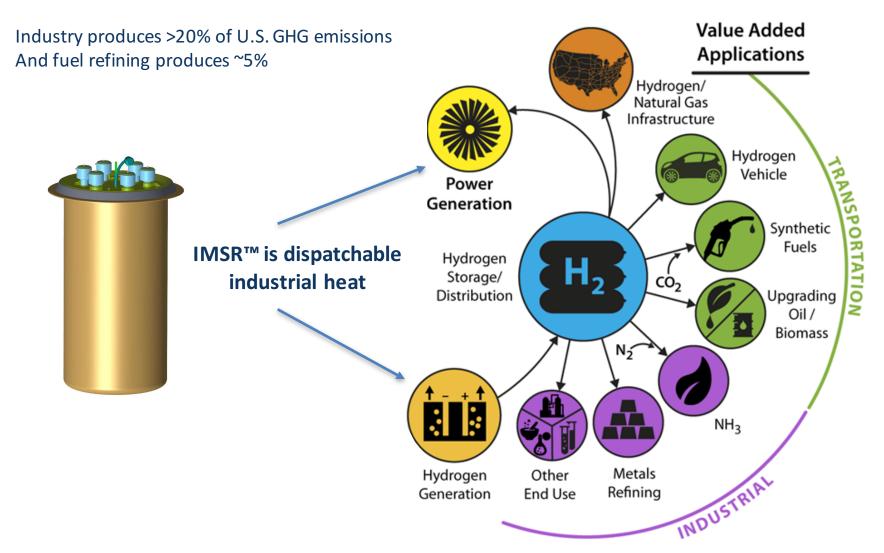


# IMSR™ 400 MWth GENERALIZED THERMAL PLANT FACILITY





# IMSR ENABLES TOMORROW'S CLEAN GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY



IMSR™ can play a central role in a decarbonized primary energy system



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# **SUMMARY**

Growing market demand for energy innovations that "change the game" – driven by escalating demands for scalable clean energy solutions for all industry, not just the grid

### Unique Safety Case of IMSR™ supports commercially critical cost-innovation

•Potential to dispatch heat and power at life-of-plant costs that are competitive with fossil fuel alternatives

## IMSR™ produces 600°C BTUs in the form of a hot solar salt

- Applicable to many industries
- Balance-of-plant is remote and IMSR BTU use is expected to be a non-nuclear activity

# IMSR™ has a high level of technology readiness

- No substantive technical issues remain
- Ordinary detailed nuclear engineering work required for IMSR™ commercialization
- Started nuclear regulatory process with CNSC
- First Commercial Plants in the 2020s

IMSR™ can play an important role in the deep decarbonization of our primary energy system



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